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Begin forwarded message:

Hello, my name is Katlin Dunford and I am 20 years old. In September of 2010 I was in a car accident on my way to school which left me a C5/6 quadriplegic. I was paralyzed from neck down. I was taken to the hospital where I had 2 life saving surgeries. I was told I would never walk again. Hearing that you will never walk again at any age is scary and upsetting, let alone at 17 I have and still have my whole life ahead of me. The expenses of having an spinal cord are unbelievable and quite ridiculous. Auto no fault literally saved my life. My family, or any family I know couldnt pay for the things I have to. With no fault I've been able to continue therapy and gain some function back to be a normal 20 year old. Without no fault I wouldn't be where i am today and even from a health standpoint I'm so much healthier then expected. Unfortunately my life span was cut when I broke my neck but I've been able to live and be healthy and hopefully walk again one day. I want you to think about your sisters, cousins, daughters, mothers, anyone and think of how much you would want them to have the same benefits I have so they would be able to get their life back. We all know no fault isn't really the issue and prices won't go down. So why not help us who have been affected. Maybe you should think of going after health care companies who put such high prices on everything. It costs me about 2000 dollars a month just to pee, and that's not optional. I'm paralyzed I can't just go like everyone. I'm also riding in a 25,000 dollar wheelchair my other is about 14,000. That cost more then most of your cars. That's just for me to be able to get around all the time because I have non leg function. These prices are ridiculous and I doubt passing this law will change anything but make our lives worse. If you knew someone with this injury you'd understand it's not just an injury, it effects you mentally, physically, and takes a good chunk from your wallet. No fault doest even cover everything. My parents still pay a lot out of pocket for me. In the long run having no fault saves money because it keeps everyone who's covered by it to be able to get better, recover, be independent and stay out of the hospital. One day I'd like to get married and walk down the isle and have family just like anyone else, but without no fault I will not be able to accomplish that. I will not keep getting better, I won't get independent, and I'll just be a vegetable and stare at the walls until I die pretty much. So while everyone is out there saving a couple dollars supposedly, you'll know where to find me and all my other wheelchair friends, at home not getting to live our life. It's also not like were getting this all for free, we pay for insurance too. I pray to god nothing like this happens to you or someone you know, but if it does your going to wish you had no fault.

Thanks for your time,
Katlin Dunford